

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-08-02

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
"AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE
FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, FOURTH PRINTING, WITH LOCAL
AMENDMENTS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND TO ENACT THE 2006
INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY
DWELLINGS, FIRST PRINTING, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND"**

RECITALS

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board"), being concerned with providing minimum standards for the protection of life, limb, health, property, environment and for the safety and welfare of the consumer, general public, and owners and occupants of residential buildings in Washington County, Maryland, adopted on December 17, 2007, the 2006 International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings, First Printing, (the "2006 IRC") with local amendments.

Subsequent to the adoption of the Ordinance adopting the 2006 IRC, with local amendments, it was discovered that new language was inadvertently omitted in Section R403.1, General, of the local amendments.

A public hearing was held on February 26, 2008, following due notice and advertisement of the text of the proposed amendment.

Public comment was received, reviewed and considered concerning the amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED that the Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, FOURTH PRINTING, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND TO REENACT THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS, FIRST PRINTING, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND", adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland on December 17, 2007, effective March 1, 2008, be amended as follows:

NEW LANGUAGE IS INDICATED AS DOUBLE UNDERLINE

(1) **SECTION R403, FOOTINGS**, is amended and shall read as follows:

Section R403.1 General is amended and shall read as follows:

R403.1 General. All exterior walls shall be supported on continuous solid or fully grouted masonry or concrete footings, wood foundations, or other approved structural systems which shall be of sufficient design to accommodate all loads according to Section R301 and to transmit the resulting loads to the soil within the limitations as determined from the character of the soil. Footings shall be supported on undisturbed natural soils or engineered fill. All structures requiring continuous footings shall be reinforced with a minimum two (2) #4 reinforcing bars or as specified by a design professional.

Exception: Footings are not required to be stepped or continuous where changes of footing elevations exceeds 4-ft. Such footing can be connected by masonry lintels with a minimum 18-inches of bearing on steel reinforced footings.

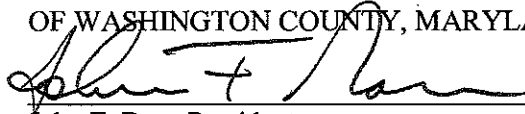
Adopted this 11th day of March, 2008.
Effective the 11th day of March, 2008.

ATTEST:

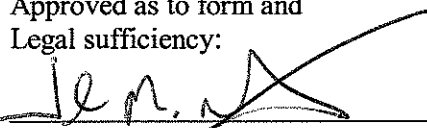
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